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Would Not Stand For The Scott Government's Grafting

Regina, July 20.—The Standard publishes a letter from the former provincial architect, George E. Hutchinson, telling how he was obliged to retire from the government service because he would not be a party to graft in connection with the contract for the parliament buildings. Mr. Hutchinson says:

"As the provincial elections have been sprung upon us by the Scott government in accordance with the instructions of their political bosses at Ottawa and as the contract for the new parliament buildings is one of the issues, I wish to explain again just why I took issue with the government and resigned my position as provincial architect."

"My resignation was made imperative in view of the fact that I must either act dishonestly and sanction and agree to accept under which I knew were figured at such a price and on such terms as were calculated to satisfy the demands of partisans and Government favorites, to the great disadvantage of our province, or resign my position. I preferred to resign rather than be a party to political graft."

"I wish to say further that if the

government had now the services of a competent reliable architect, they would have saved the people the indignity and loss of \$120,000 in the late contract with Mr. Lyall, of Montreal, and would not have been subjected to the dishonor brought on our fair province by such an unjustifiable act."

"The reason that the government have not yet appointed a provincial architect to take my place is that they did not want an honest man at the head of this department of public works who would not submit to the grafting process. If a provincial architect was necessary when a very little building and public work was being undertaken, how much more necessary now, and why has the position been kept vacant."

"I will not add that to take down competent contractors who were thoroughly reliable financially and otherwise, who filled every condition of the competition and who are residents of our province, because they were not to do the work for \$120,000 less than the government contractor, who is an outsider, is something that honest, intelligent people cannot and will not approve of."

Come All Ye Faithful

Ottawa, July 20.—At a series of cabinet meetings which will commence on Friday a number of important matters will have to be discussed and several appointments, which have not yet been delayed, will probably be made.

These will include the two civil service commissioners who will be responsible for the carrying out of the new act which comes into force on September first.

There are three new points on the Railway Commission to be filled, in connection with which the names of Wm. Galliker, M. P. Hon. H. R. Cameron, M. P. Mr. Wm. Whyte, of the C.P.R., Mayor D'Arcy Scott, of Ottawa, and several others have been mentioned.

Other appointments which must be made soon include a King's Printer to succeed Dr. Dawson, C. M. G., a law clerk of the House of Commons to succeed the late P. A. McLeod, and two purchasing agents for the departments.

Less urgent appointments include lieutenant governors for Quebec and Ontario, and a senator from Nova Scotia. The commission to rebuild the Quebec bridge has also to be named, and a staff of officials appointed to put into effect the government old age annuities scheme authorized by the legislation of the recent session.

Toronto Sensation

Toronto, Ont., July 20.—Excitement was caused in civic circles to-day by the report of the auditors recently engaged to report on the methods of bookkeeping that a shortage of nearly \$100,000 existed in the books of Col. J. K. Leslie, treasurer of the exhibition association. It seems that the balance of 1907 was not carried over to 1908. All the officials assert most emphatically that it was only an error in bookkeeping and that the money is in the bank. Moreover, the, however, arrangements were made by which Leslie has signed over sufficient property to cover the amount claimed. He has been treasurer for two years, receives twelve hundred a year, and is bonded for \$10,000. He recently toured the West in the interest of the next fair.

Thousands Of Chinese

Drowned

Hong Kong, July 20.—Reports from the typhoon on Monday night last were heartrending. Thousands of Chinese were drowned. The typhoon, the loss of life and damage to shipping, eclipsed the typh on of 1906.

Returns received here show that the loss to Hongkong shipping was less but over one hundred native vessels were wrecked. In all seven steamers went ashore, many dragged bottom, and between fifty and sixty junk and cargo boats, several cargo-laden lighters and numerous launches were either sunk or damaged.

Several buildings collapsed. The Pacific Mail Steamship office and Queen College were badly damaged. The telegraph lines to Canton are broken and reports state that the damage there is great.

A news agency despatch from Canton, China, says that twelve thousand were killed there in the typhoon. Thousands of native craft and some large steamers were swamped.

Abdul Was Scared

Constantinople, July 20.—Curious incidents mark the efforts of Turkey to adapt itself to constitutionalism. The press presumably is free but the censor is still at work. He is not so much afraid of the fact that he is out of a job with the newspapers, immediately after the Sultan's death, began to print extracts from the text of the constitution the censor called a halt. "Don't do this," he decreed, "or I'll lock you up."

"But," replied the editors, "we have a constitutional law and this document provides that the press shall be free."

The censor read the passage cited, rattled his eyes, growled, and let the newspapers print what they liked. The provinces are wild with joy. They think the millennium has suddenly arrived and the provincial Turks are about the proudest people on earth just now. In the capital things are different. Nobody here takes the slightest interest in the new constitution. They are more concerned with the old dangers of internal liberty and the mockery of justice still prevails. People would like to shout and throw up their hats but they are afraid to make a move.

Facing Another

Indian Mutiny

London, July 20.—England is again to face with another mutiny in India, by the side of which the uprising in 1857 will appear as a child's play.

Long apprehensions of the Indian mutiny on the government officials were thrown into a panic to-day by the report of the conditions there brought by army officers and officials who have just returned from India.

One of these army officers said: "Something has got to be done quickly, and can only be ruled by fear. There are lately 60,000 Europeans in India, as against 300,000 natives. If they get the upper hand the least bit more money will result, and every white man will be killed, and every white woman attacked, before England can send help."

Use Of Preservatives

Ottawa, July 20.—The Canadian trade agent in London in a report to the department of trade and commerce says that the local government board of Great Britain has decided as a result of investigations made by several experts to hold an inquiry into the use of preservatives by exporters of ham and other meat products. The matter is of importance to Canada, owing to the interest in exports of meat. The statement is made that a large portion of Canadian hams and bacon sent to England is imported in boxes and this, as the report pertinently remarks, "indicates that proper conditions as to date and health have not been observed."

The use of preservatives has become a matter of alarm in Great Britain as conditions are produced which tend to seriously affect the public health, hence the decision to have thorough inquiry into the matter.

YUKON

MAL = ADMINISTRATION

Perjured Prostitutes Testimony Produced By Commission Against Dr. Pringle

Dawson, City, July 20.—The resolution charging Rev. John Pringle with having endeavored to create an impression that Dawson was immoral caused a fierce three days' debate in the Yukon Council. The government agents, including Commissioner Henderson, who were the dastardly plot, were defied to show that Pringle's strongest statements as to Liberal corruption were untrue.

Geo. Black, the member for the Klondike, exposed Rev. Dr. Pringle's audacity by showing that Mr. Pringle's as a Liberal had informed Sir Wilfrid Laurier continually since 1902 of the corrupt state of affairs in the Yukon government circles and by pointing out that he had made many specific charges but inquiry had been stifled by the government. No return was made till Pringle appealed to the press and the eastern public. Since then dance halls had been abolished, the prostitute nuisance had been abated, and the criminal code had been enforced as never before. In a desperate attempt to whitewash the government Mr. Pringle's reputation was badly attacked by Henderson.

Commissioner Henderson showed his hand by allowing a false affidavit by a Seattle prostitute slandering Dr. Pringle to be read in the Yukon Council for base political purposes.

Mr. Lachapelle, mover of the resolution, in his closing speech demanded the withdrawal of the affidavit introduced by his second, John Grant, as a vile malicious and absolutely unfounded was intended only to correct the record. He stated that he had the impression that the Dawson public was immoral. Dr. Pringle's denunciation of the rank corruption of the government was not at all enough for him.

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Mr. Black showed the affidavit was absolutely false by the woman's own admission and that it had been signed while on a drunken orgy with, and at the request of Dawson dance hall supporters and Grit leaders in Vancouver.

The public of the Yukon is indignant at the Commissioner for using the Yukon Council for base political purposes.

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Got His

Halifax, Canada, July 20.—W. F. Walker, who forfeited the Savings Bank of New Britain of more than half a million dollars' worth of securities pledged guilty on four counts of the indictment in the superior court here to-day. He was sentenced to not less than one year nor more than five years on the first count and not more than one year nor more than five years on each of the three other counts.

This will make the entire penalty not more than twenty-one years. The four counts represented an embezzlement of bank property amounting to \$70,000. The securities were mostly high class railroad bonds. The original indictment contained thirteen counts pertaining to bank funds and six additional counts charging the embezzlement of the securities of the Connecticut Baptist convention amounting to about \$60,000.

Starved To Death

Helena, Mont., July 20.—After living in terrible torture and agony for sixteen days alone and without food, death finally came to the relief of a young man by the name of W. H. Gulliver, in the mountain wilderness, near Olive station, Sanders county. The man was a stranger in this part of the country and nothing is known of him other than what was revealed by Coroner Seward from a diary kept by the unfortunate man. He evidently became unconscious during some time afterwards. The first entry in the little book reads as follows: "My name is W. H. Gulliver; my home Birmingham, England. Notably my wife and child."

Celebration Over

Murderers Have Crossed

The Border

Quebec, July 20.—With the departure of the Prince this morning the terrors of the past are practically at an end, although the last page is not until Friday and the decorations will be undisturbed until Monday.

With the departure of the volunteers, the seven British warships and the U.S. battleship, much of the animation has disappeared from this town. The prisoners unit start breaking up camp tomorrow, the R.C.I.F.A. being the last to go, leaving on August 2nd.

The pageant attracted a large crowd and the vigilant police maintained a large crowd.

Tonight the civic reception enabled two thousand citizens to congratulate Mayor Gagnon on his knighthood.

That the celebration has been a success is beyond doubt, but the cost has been heavy, while the receipts have been only about thirty thousand and the sale of cokes and properties will bring a little more, the principal performers having bought their own. The pageants are believed to have exhausted fifteen thousand above the seventy-five thousand dollars allotted to them.

The last official function of the Prince was a dinner given on board the battleship Kilmahilly last night. Among the prominent guests were Com. Sir John A. K.N.W.M.P., Regina, Lieutenant Governor Dunsmuir, Victoria, B.C., Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the other cabinet ministers, and many Canadian public men.

The Conservative Platform

As Enunciated at Halifax and Other Places by Mr. R. L. Borden, Leader of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition in the House of Commons.

1. Honest appropriation and expenditure of public moneys in the public interest.
2. Appointment of public officials upon consideration of capacity and personal character and not of party service alone.
3. More effective provisions to punish bribery and fraud at elections, to ensure thorough publicity as to expenditures by political organizations, to prevent the accumulation of campaign funds for corrupt purposes and to prohibit contributions thereto by corporations, contractors and promoters, to expedite hearing of election petitions and to prevent collusive arrangements, the withdrawal or compromise thereof, to provide for a thorough investigation to corrupt practices and if necessary to appoint an independent prosecuting officer to enforce the laws so amended.
4. A thorough and complete reformation of the laws relating to the Civil Service so that future appointments shall be made by an independent commission acting upon the report of examiners after competitive examination.
5. Such reform in the selecting of members of the Senate as will make that chamber a more useful and representative body.
6. A more careful selection of the sources from which immigration shall be sought, a more rigid inspection of immigrants and the abolition of the county system except under very special circumstances and for the purpose of obtaining particularly desirable classes of immigrants.
7. The management and development of the public domain (in which are to be included great national forest tracts) for the public benefit and under such conditions that a respectable proportion of the increment of value arising therefrom shall inure to the people.
8. The operation and management of our government railways by an independent commission free from partisan control or interference.
9. Development and improvement of our national waterways, the equipment of national ports, the improvement of transportation facilities and subsequent reduction of freight rates between the place of production and market, whether at home or abroad and the establishment of a thorough system of cold storage.
10. The re-organization of the present railway commission as a public utilities commission with wider power and more extended jurisdiction, so as to establish thorough and effective control over all corporations owning or operating public utilities or invested with franchises of a national character.
11. The establishment after due investigation of a system of national telegraphs and telephones under conditions which shall be just to capital already invested in those enterprises.
12. The improvement of existing postal facilities, especially in newly developed portions of the country, and inauguration after proper inquiry as to cost, of a system of free rural delivery.
13. A fiscal policy which will promote the production within Canada of all useful articles that can be advantageously manufactured from or by means of natural resources, having due regard to the interests of the consumer as well as to the just claims of our wage-earning population.
14. The promotion by negotiation and other constitutional means of a system of mutual preferential trade within the Empire.
15. The restoration of the public lands to the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan upon fair terms.
16. The unimpaired maintenance of all powers of self-government which have been conferred upon the Provinces of Canada under the constitution.

Rabbit Hill Picnic

The annual Rabbit Hill picnic held in Mr. W. Scott's grove on the 24th was a great success. As soon as the crowd gathered, dinner was served and then the entire afternoon was spent in racing. The management here take the opportunity of thanking the business men of Strathcona for the generous supply of presents they gave for prizes. The following is a list of the sports with prices:

Boys' race under 12 — 1st prize sweater presented by Mr. Walter, won by Herbie Allison. 2nd prize baseball glove presented by Miss Blain, won by Foster Sutherland. Girls' race under 12 — 1st prize box of stationery presented by J. D. Hutton, won by Miriam Martin. 2nd prize bag of fruit, won by Bernice Scott.

Boys' race over 12 and under 16 — 1st prize book, J. D. Hutton, won by Fawn Grove. 2nd prize necktie, Cook & Orr, won by Ralph Martin.

Girls' race over 12 and under 16 — 1st prize book, Miss Blain, won by Mary McLeod. 2nd prize pin, Mr. Peck, won by Alice Sutherland. Young men's race — 1st prize running shoes, Mr. Richards, won by Harvey Seaman. 2nd prize jack-knife, McCombs Hardware, won by George Scott.

Young Ladies' race — 1st prize pair of shoes, Mr. Buhrer, won by Jessie Sutherland. 2nd prize pin, Douglas Bros., won by Minerva Scott.

Race for men over 40 years of age — 1st prize box of cigars, E. McGuinness, won by Mr. Sutherland.

Married women's race — 1st prize hand mirror, H. Duncan, won by Mrs. Allison. 2nd prize curtain,

sticks, F. Dixon, won by Mrs. Stewart.

Potato race — 1st prize pair of slippers, H. Lawrence, won by Jessie Sutherland. 2nd prize bottle of perfume, F. Cowles, won by Alice Sutherland.

Needle and thread race — 1st prize box of chocolates, Ross & McDonald, won by Roy Scott and Gerlie Walters.

Cake contest — 1st prize rug, McCallum & Westbrook, won by Mrs. Walter Scott. 2nd prize ladies' necktie, Douglas Bros., won by Mrs. Kuy Scott.

Pony race — 1st prize bridle, Massie, Renouf and Chandler, won by Harry Scott. 2nd prize riding whip, S. O'Brien, won by Wesley McLeod.

Free for all race — 1st prize pair of spurs, Great West Saddlery, won by Harry Scott. 2nd prize razor, W. E. Ross, won by Howard Stewart.

Fancy couple riding — 1st prize pair of gaudies, Star Livery Stable, won by James Martin and Minerva Scott. 2nd prize box of chocolates, Ross & McDonald, won by George Scott and Edna Walters.

The next item on the program was a baseball match between Rabbit Hill and Mr. Forsyth's team of Strathcona, the latter winning the game. The prize awarded was a box of cigars presented by the Dominion Hotel.

In the evening the tug of war between Rabbit Hill and the rest of the world took place. The former won and received a box of cigars which was presented by Mr. Wm. Tipton.

Besides the prizes thus awarded there was one pound of tea and one pound of coffee given by Mr. Baxter; a ham by P. Burns & Co.; \$3 by the White Star Coal Co. and \$2 by Joseph Abram.

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